

ELLSWORTH FAMILY HOUSING

NOVEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

HOUSING HAPPENINGS

DATE CHANGE FOR TOWN HALL MEETING: ATTENTION ALL CENTENNIAL RESIDENTS. On November 3rd and 4th there will be town hall meetings to discuss the upcoming lease termination for Centennial Estates. These meetings will be held at the base theatre starting at 1800. Due to the limited seating, we are requesting residents whose last names begin with A thru K attend on the 3rd, and residents whose last name begins with L thru Z attend on the 4th. However, if your schedule doesn't permit this recommended attendance date, feel free to come to either session—we want you there! This will be a very informative evening and we encourage your participation.



BULK ITEM COLLECTION DATES: Periodically, bulk items (meeting size and weight limitations) may be placed at the curb for pick-up. These bulk items cannot be heavier than 200 pounds and cannot exceed 6 feet in length. You must dispose of any items exceeding these limits. You may take them to the Ellsworth Centralized Transfer Station. Curbside pickup of items exceeding these weights/dimensions will not be allowed. The collections dates are:

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| * November 18, 2010 | * May 5, 2011 |
| * December 29, 2010 | * June 30, 2011 |
| * January 13, 2011 | * August 25, 2011 |
| * March 10, 2011 | * September 22, 2011 |



HUNTING SEASON: If you plan to cure wild game in the housing area, please comply with the following guidelines:

- * Carcasses may be cured for no longer than three days.
- * The entire carcass must be covered, (draped in a sheet or blanket).
- * Nails or hooks cannot be installed in the garage for support.
- * Discretion must be used when temperatures are over 45 degrees. *Lastly, always be sensitive and thoughtful of your neighbors.*

Questions or comments? Call 385-2568/2570. Or visit our website at <http://www.ellsworth.af.mil/ellsworthhousing/asp>

Did you know



Holiday lights can be used to decorate the outside of homes starting 1 October but then need to be taken down by 1 April. As per Housing Brochure paragraph 2.7 ENERGY CONSERVATION please do not leave lights on during daylight hours. Do not nail or drill into the siding to hang holiday lights or decorations.



The display of political signs or signs involving non-partisan political issues (i.e. state/county/city referendums) in yards and windows is PROHIBITED in all of family housing.

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WINTER PREPARATION:



Winter is on its way so here are a few reminders of how to get ready for the cold weather:

- * Disconnect all exterior garden hoses from the faucet.
- * Keep your exterior garage door closed during the freezing temperatures.
- * If you live in a 3 bedroom 4-plex, keep your utility room and foyer doors open when temperatures are predicted to drop below 20 degrees. This allows heat into these unheated rooms.
- * If you are going to be absent from your unit for more than 24 hours, please shut your main water valve off and open all faucets to drain the lines. If you are not sure of the location of this water valve contact DGR at 923-5808.
- * Heat outage indicator lamps (Winter Watchman) must be displayed on your front door if you are going to be absent from your unit more than 3 days. These lamps and instructions are available for your use through DGR.
- * Make sure all windows are closed.
- * If your furnace is not adequately supplying heat to all areas of your unit, please contact DGR to have the furnace inspected and maintained.
- * For those who wish to add additional protection/weatherproofing from the cold, plastic sheeting is available at the self help store for installation on exterior windows. This material comes in a weatherproofing kit with everything you need for proper installation.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us protect your assigned unit and your personal property. It is our goal to keep freeze ups in these housing units to a minimum this winter. With your help, we can accomplish this goal.



SECURE GARBAGE BAGS: Per Housing Brochure paragraph 1.6 refuse must be secured before being placed at the curb or in your refuse receptacle. This means plastic bags will be tied, paper bags will be stapled or taped shut, and boxes will be lidded or tied or taped shut. Ever wonder why on garbage days you end up picking up the trash in your yard? Most likely a neighbor up wind did not secure their garbage. Be considerate to your neighbors and tie up your trash.



DON'T FORGET to change your furnace filter each month. Furnace filters are furnished by the government and can be picked up at Self Help. Please be advised that it is the occupants responsibility to change their disposable furnace filter each month.



With the colder weather comes unwanted visitors. Please be advised that you will be expected to take all measures to prevent and control insects and pests. Pet food, crumbs and dropped table food attract mice and other animals to your home and yard. Good sanitation is the key to good pest control. If you have an uncontrollable pest problem then please call Entomology at 385-2521 for assistance.



As our growing season nears an end, be sure to continue to care for your lawn. In preparation for the winter months, fallen leaves should be raked and lawns properly edged, mowed and trimmed. Tenants are responsible for trimming shrubs. If you have any damage to your lawn (i.e. large bare areas, holes, and brown spots) now is the time to seed or re-sod. You are reminded that pet areas must be maintained in a grassed condition at all times during occupancy. This includes picking up pet feces in your yard daily.

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The City of Rapid City Solid Waste Department is proud to be an area leader in recycling, helping customers and residents to divert materials from final disposal in our landfill. In order to accomplish this task, we are asking your continued assistance in keeping this program operating efficiently and cost effectively by providing only acceptable recyclable loads to the City.

ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS:

CO-MINGLED RECYCLABLES:

Plastics-

Milk jugs, detergent bottles, soda bottles, water bottles, hair care product bottles, food containers, empty paint jugs, any plastic item with a recycle triangle on the bottom. Pesticide, motor oils, and other toxic substance containers should be triple rinsed.

NO bulk plastic bags and film plastics, styrofoam packing or peanuts, plastic or vinyl lawn furniture, vinyl siding, or PVC pipe and fitting will be accepted.

Aluminum-

Beverage cans and bottles, personal care items.

NO aluminum food service pans, aluminum foil accepted (Large aluminum items including windows and storm doors, can be dropped off separately in the mixed metals pile, but cannot be accepted in the MRF.)

Steel-

Food cans, coffee cans, emptied and dried paint cans, depleted aerosol containers

NO large metal items such as car parts, empty propane tanks, or grills accepted. (Large metal items can be dropped off separately in the mixed metals pile, but cannot be accepted in the MRF.)

Glass-

Beverage bottles, food jars. Lids removed

NO window glass or plate glass

NEWSPAPER- Includes Flyers And All Other Daily Inserts

NO office paper, shredded paper, paper bags, magazines,

CARDBOARD- Corrugated Cardboard ONLY

Moving boxes, shipping boxes

Cardboard must be dry and free of contamination (soiled from food or other wet materials).

NO shiny or waxy surface cardboard or paperboard, cereal boxes, food boxes, fiber egg cartons.

REMINDER: Office paper, dirty cardboard, fiber food containers are to be disposed of with regular household garbage and solid waste. Biodegradable materials such as these, when accepted at the MRF, are converted to municipal solid waste compost or co-compost, and not disposed of in the landfill.

For recyclables to be accepted at no charge by the City Solid Waste Department, they must be delivered in the following manner to the MRF:

- Cardboard, newspaper, and comingled household containers **MUST** be delivered separately.
- The MRF does not have the time and/or personnel to separate mixed loads.

Recyclable loads containing garbage, mixed recyclables, or other significant volumes of non-acceptable materials, will be charged at regular landfill garbage rates.

Should you have any questions regarding acceptable recyclables by the City of Rapid City, please contact me at 355-3496 or E-mail me at karl.merbach@rcgov.org.

Respectfully,

Karl Merbach
Superintendent, Solid Waste Operations